

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1703
Mester House
12501 Manor Road
Glen Arm, Baltimore County
Circa 1880
Private

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The vernacular Mester House is a two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide dwelling of weatherboard-clad wood frame construction on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The front gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles, and one rebuilt stretcher bond brick interior chimney rises through the center of the roof ridge. A two-story wood frame ell clad in German siding extends from the back of the building, and one rebuilt stretcher bond brick exterior chimney bisects the rear elevation of the ell. A one-story porch wraps around from the façade, or northwest elevation, to the northeast elevation of the main block. The façade is pierced by one four-paneled single-leaf wood door with a five-light transom, three-light sidelights over paneled dado, and a molded wood surround. Six 2/2 windows and two 1/1 windows, all of which have molded wood surrounds, square-edged wood sills, and operable louvered wood shutters are also located on the façade. Also located on the property are six historic outbuildings two historic ruins, two historic pumps and one non-historic outbuilding.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Mester House

2. Location

street and number 12501 Manor Road not for publication

city, town	Glen Arm	- vicinity
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county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William J. and Rose Mester

street and number	12501 Manor Road	telephone	Not Available
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city, town	Glen Arm	state	MD	zip code	21507
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 13413 folio 552

city, town	Towson	tax map	53	tax parcel	61	tax ID number	1113040075
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
___district	___public	___agriculture	___landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___commerce/trade	___recreation/culture	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
___structure	___both	___defense	___religion	___	___ sites
___site		<u>X</u> domestic	___social	<u>2</u>	___ structures
___object		___education	___transportation	<u>2</u>	___ objects
		___funerary	___work in progress	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		___government	___unknown		
		___health care	___vacant/not in use		
		___industry	___other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				2	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1880, the vernacular Mester House is a two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide dwelling of weatherboard-clad wood frame construction on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The front gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles, and one rebuilt stretcher bond brick interior chimney rises through the center of the roof ridge. A two-story wood frame ell clad in German siding extends from the back of the building, and one rebuilt stretcher bond brick exterior chimney bisects the rear elevation of the ell. A one-story porch wraps around from the façade, or northwest elevation, to the northeast elevation of the main block. The façade is pierced by one four-paneled single-leaf wood door with a five-light transom, three-light sidelights over paneled dado, and a molded wood surround. Six 2/2 windows and two 1/1 windows, all of which have molded wood surrounds, square-edged wood sills, and operable louvered wood shutters are also located on the façade.

Also located on the property are six historic outbuildings two historic ruins, two historic pumps and one non-historic outbuilding. The circa 1880 tenant house (BA-2116) is a two-story, wood frame building clad in German siding with a cross gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The building, which sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation, features one four-panel single-leaf wood door, two 2/2 windows and one 6/6 window, all of which have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. The three-bay-wide building fronts northeast and has a two-story wood frame ell that extends to the southwest flush with the northwest elevation of the main block.

The circa 1880 wash house, is a one-story, board-and-batten sided wood frame building on a random rubble stone foundation. The building is capped by a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The façade is pierced by a flush-vertical-board single-leaf wood door. The structure was converted in the mid- to late 20th century for use as an animal shelter.

The circa 1880 barn and smokehouse ruins comprise only random rubble stone foundation walls.

The circa 1880 tractor shed is a wood frame building on a random rubble stone foundation. The structural system has been further supported by brick piers at the corners. The building, which is clad in flush vertical board siding, features a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The tractor shed rises two stories, with a full-width vehicular doorway with no doors. The second story features a boarded opening. The main block is only one bay wide with a one-bay-wide shed-roofed addition on the side.

The circa 1900 corncrib, a wood frame structure clad in slatted vertical board siding, features a front gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. The one-bay-wide, one-story building, which sits on a stone pier foundation, is pierced by a flush-vertical-board single-leaf wood door.

The one-story, one-bay square solid concrete block shed dates to circa 1935. The building has a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles with sheet asphalt cladding in the gable ends. The façade is pierced by one pressed vertical board single-leaf wood door.

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The one-story, circa 1940 shed comprises a wood frame structural system clad in flush vertical board siding with a wood post foundation. The shed roof is clad in sheet asphalt. Two single-leaf door openings, only one of which contains an extant flush-vertical-board single-leaf wood door, pierce the façade of the two-bay-wide building.

Two circa 1940 steel pumps that rise roughly four feet from the ground are situated in front of the corncrib.

The circa 1960 greenhouse is a one-story building with a front gambrel roof clad in corrugated fiberglass. The building sits within the footprint created by the ruins of the barn foundation. The façade is pierced by one one-light single-leaf metal door and one two-light awning window.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates circa 1880-present

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates circa 1880

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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By 1850, the land that would become the town of Long Green was still largely rural and traversed primarily by rolling farmland. A general store and post office were located along Manor Road south of Long Green Pike's terminus at Manor Road.¹ By 1877, however, Long Green Pike had been extended past Manor Road and the town of Long Green, which was also known as Unionville, was centered on that intersection. A store was sited on the northwest corner of the intersection of Long Green Pike and Manor Road. In addition, several churches and a school house were located in and around the community. By the late 1870s, much of the land, although it remained rural in character, had been subdivided for use as smaller farms.² Long Green continued to develop slowly through the early 20th century, and by 1915, several additional residences were built along the two main roads.³ Long Green has retained its rural, agrarian character through the late 20th century.

¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Towson

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1880, the Mester House and its accompanying outbuildings have been associated with the 48.2 acres known as tax parcel 61 of map 53 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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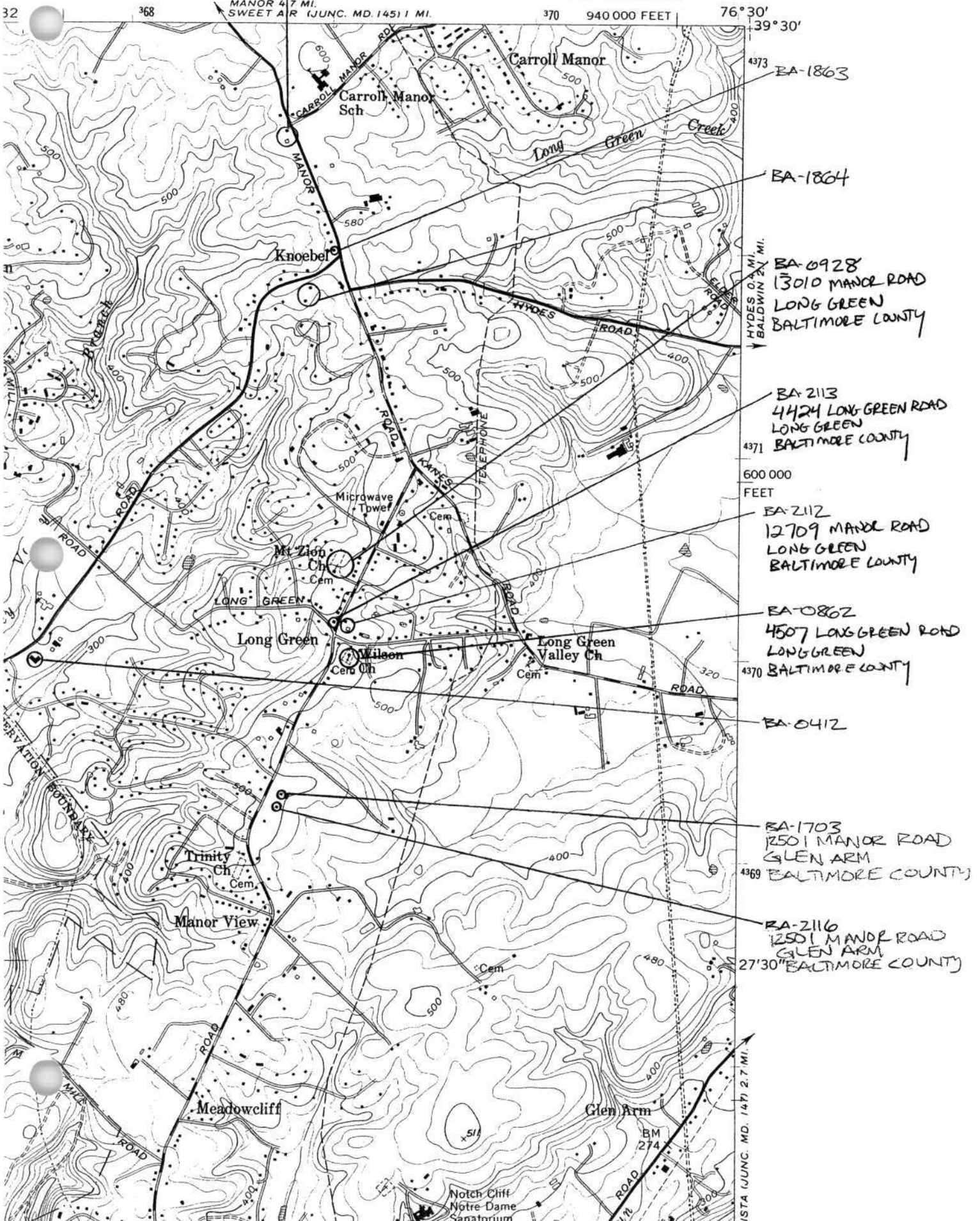
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